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MEMORANDUM

TO: Public School Academy Administrators, Public School Academy Authorizers, and Other Interested Parties

FROM: Greg Olszta
Public School Academy Program
Office of Education Improvement & Innovation

SUBJECT: Informational meeting to learn more about the 2009-2010 Charter School Planning and Implementation, and Dissemination Grant Program

Earlier this year, the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) announced the availability of the 2009-2010 Charter School Planning and Implementation Grant, and Dissemination Grant. The program is supported under Title V, Part C, Public Charter Schools Program (PCSP), No Child Left Behind Act of 2001. The MDE has received from the United States Department of Education (USED) a grant award of approximately **\$7,823,343** for use during the 2009-2010 school year to strengthen the pool of charter school developers in Michigan, implementation of new charter schools and dissemination of best and promising practices.

Early stage PSA developers planning for a Fall 2010 and 2011 opening will be eligible to compete for up to eighteen-month planning grants with an award date of March 15, 2010. These competitive grant awards will provide up to \$160,000 in planning expenses; and successful completion of the planning grant, along with acquisition of a charter, will qualify the PSA to apply for further first and second year implementation funding of \$150,000 annually.

Applications for the competitive 2009-2010 Charter School Planning and Implementation Grant Program funding are posted on the MDE's Website (www.michigan.gov/charters). The deadline for submission of the application is January 21, 2010. The application is available and must be submitted through the *Michigan Electronic Grants System (MEGS)*.

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Applications for the competitive 2009-2010 Charter School Dissemination Grant Program funding are posted on the MDE's website (www.michigan.gov/charters). The MDE may award up to \$500,000 in dissemination grant funds during 2009-10 to public school academies, on a competitive basis. The deadline for submission of the application is January 21, 2010. See the application for additional detail regarding requirements and eligible applicants. The application is available and must be submitted through the *Michigan Electronic Grants System (MEGS)*.

A public meeting has been scheduled for applicants to learn more about the Charter School Planning and Implementation Grant Program and application process. The meeting has been scheduled for the following location, date and time:

Friday, December 18, 2009

Wayne Regional Education Service Agency (RESA)

Annex Building-Room #1

33500 Van Born Road (within the Wayne RESA complex, also at 5454 Venoy Road)

Wayne, Michigan

Agenda

- 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM Planning & Implementation Grant
- 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM Dissemination Grant

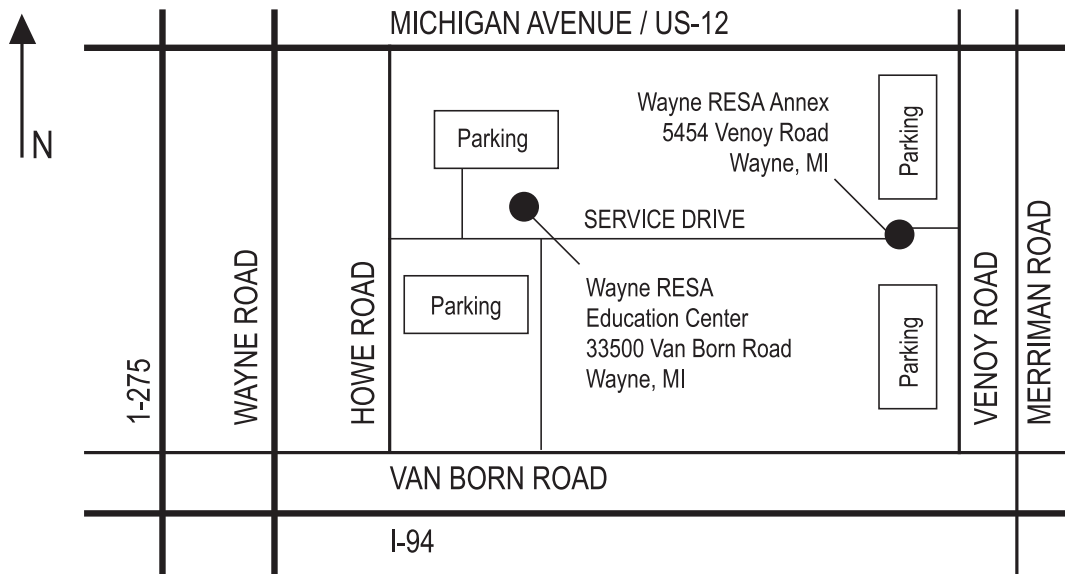
To reserve a place at the meeting, please send an email to Sandra Croom at: CroomS@michigan.gov by the end of the business day Wednesday, December 16, 2009. Please provide your name, organization or school name, contact telephone number, number of people planning to attend (and their names). Directions are attached.

Attachment

cc: William Mayes, MASA
David Martell, MSBO
Dan Quisenberry, MAPSA
Billie Wimmer, MCCSA

Getting to Wayne RESA

Map is not to scale. RESA complex is enlarged to show detail.



I-275 South:

Exit at Michigan Avenue East (Exit #22) and turn left. Go 4 miles to Wayne Road and turn right. Go 1 mile to Van Born and turn left. **Education Center** parking area is on the left just past the stop light at Howe Road. To reach the **Annex**: Remain on Van Born; turn left at second stop light onto Venoy Road. Annex parking area is on the left side of Venoy.

I-275 North:

Exit at Ecorse Road East (Exit #20) and turn right. Go 4 miles to Wayne Road and turn left. Go 1 mile to Van Born and turn right. **Education Center** parking area is on the left just past the stop light at Howe Road. To reach the **Annex**: Remain on Van Born; turn left at second stop light onto Venoy Road. Annex parking area is on the left side of Venoy.

I-94 Westbound:

Exit at Merriman Road North (Exit #198) and turn right. Go 3 miles to Van Born Road and turn left. To reach the **Annex**, stay on Van Born for 1 mile to Venoy Road and turn right. The Annex parking area is on the left side of Venoy. To reach the **Education Center**, remain on Van Born past Venoy Road. Education Center parking area is 1/4 mile past Venoy on the right.

I-94 Eastbound:

Exit at Wayne Road North (Exit #196) and turn left. Go 4 miles to Van Born Road and turn right. The **Education Center** parking area is on the left just past the stop light at Howe Road. To reach the **Annex**, Remain on Van Born; turn left at the second stop light onto Venoy Road. The Annex parking area is on the left side of Venoy.